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June 5, 2017 – Press Release for the NB Provincial Music Festival Finals

The New Brunswick Federation of Music Festivals held their 46th Provincial Music Festival this past week, May 31 – June 3 in Sackville, New Brunswick. Approximately 100 young musicians from around the province, who had been recommended as their local festival representatives by the adjudicators at those festivals, competed in the four-day competitive festival. This year we were pleased to have representation from eleven local festivals.

The NB Federation of Music Festivals, the umbrella organization for the fifteen local festivals around the province, sponsors the NB Provincial Music Festival which is under the direction of the Executive Director, Barbara Long, President Rhéal Fournier, and a Board of Directors made up of representatives from various local festivals. The Marjorie Young Bell Conservatory, Mount Allison University, was the venue for three levels of competition.

The adjudicators for this prestigious event are specialists in their field:

Voice and Musical Theatre: Elizabeth McDonald

Piano: Guy Few

Strings: Andrée Azar

Brass and Woodwind: Guy Few

Original Composition: Dr. John Burge

The Provincial Music Festival offers three levels of competition – Junior, Intermediate and Senior. The winners of the competition are:

Junior Competition

Voice:	1 st	Samantha Fullerton [Greater Moncton Music Festival]
	2 nd	Zachary Boulanger [Sussex Regional Music Festival]
	3 rd	Félix Turgeon [Fredericton Music Festival]
Piano:	1 st	Caroline Vanicek [Fredericton Music Festival]
	2 nd	Maude Sonier [Miramichi Regional Music Festival]
	3 rd	Helen Li [Fredericton Music Festival]
Strings:	1 st	Maggie Zheng [Fredericton Music Festival]
	2 nd	Charles Torrance [Sackville Music Festival]
	3 rd	Younseo Heo [NB Competitive Festival of Music in Saint John]
	3 rd	Noam Koubi-Bahar [Carleton County Music Festival]
Woodwind:	1 st	Sophia Choi [Greater Moncton Music Festival]
	2 nd	Lily Halpin [NB Competitive Festival of Music in Saint John]
	3 rd	Mike Zhou [Fredericton Music Festival]
Brass:	1 st	James Farhoud-Watt [Fredericton Music Festival]
Chamber Ensemble:	1 st	Helen Li, Anne Liu, Amanda Zhang, Emma He [Fredericton Music Festival]
	2 nd	Carleton County Young Chamber Players String Trio – Daphna Koubi-Bahar, Noam Koubi-Bahar, Madison Mulherin [Carleton County Music Festival]
Musical Theatre:	1 st	Charlotte Harriman [NB Competitive Festival of Music in Saint John]
	2 nd	Félix Turgeon [Fredericton Music Festival]
	3 rd	Chloë Gaudet [Greater Moncton Music Festival]
Canadian Composer:	1 st	Maggie Zheng [Fredericton Music Festival]
	2 nd	Dawson Carter [Sackville Music Festival]
Original Composition:	1 st	Mélodie Doucet [Bathurst Music Festival]

Intermediate Competition:

Voice:	1 st	Zachary Barter [Greater Moncton Music Festival]
	2 nd	Sarah MacLoon [Fredericton Music Festival]
	3 rd	Mélanie Dupuis [Fredericton Music Festival]
Piano:	1 st	Zhentong Wang [Greater Moncton Music Festival]
	2 nd	Emma He [Fredericton Music Festival]
	3 rd	Adèle LeBlanc [Fredericton Music Festival]

Strings:	1 st	Maggie Kerr [Fredericton Music Festival]
	2 nd	Conor Britt [NB Competitive Festival of Music in Saint John]
	3 rd	Nina Cruz [Nackawic Music Festival]
Woodwind:	1 st	Joel Robertson [Sackville Music Festival]
	2 nd	Peter Ball [Fredericton Music Festival]
	3 rd	Jacob Martin [Fredericton Music Festival]
Brass:	1 st	Gabrielle Carruthers [Bathurst Music Festival]
	2 nd	Grace Hamilton [Greater Moncton Music Festival]
	3 rd	Abigail Ford [Greater Moncton Music Festival]
Chamber Ensemble:	1 st	Bianca Cruz, Gerry Zhang, Nina Cruz, Mia McLean [Fredericton Music Festival]
	2 nd	Sackville Trio – Alice Torrance, Joel Robertson, Christelinda Laureijs [Sackville Music Festival]
	3 rd	Carleton County Young Chamber Players Baroque Ensemble – Leah Jones, Abby Slipp, Sophie Anthony, Evan Savage [Carleton County Music Festival]
Musical Theatre:	1 st	Sarah MacLoon [Fredericton Music Festival]
	2 nd	Rose Messenger [Fredericton Music Festival]
	3 rd	Mary Louise Belyea [NB Competitive Festival of Music in Saint John]
Canadian Composer:	1 st	Christelinda Laureijs [Sackville Music Festival]
	2 nd	Gerry Zhang [Fredericton Music Festival]
Original Composition:	1 st	Sean Desmond [NB Competitive Festival of Music in Saint John]

Senior Competition:

Voice:	1 st	Sarah Sharpe [Carleton County Music Festival]
Piano:	1 st	Dakota Scott-Digout [NB Competitive Festival of Music in Saint John]
	2 nd	Chelsea Ahn [NB Competitive Festival of Music in Saint John]
	3 rd	Megan Watt [Sackville Music Festival]
Strings:	1 st	Margaret [Margie] Christ [NB Competitive Festival of Music in Saint John]
Woodwind:	1 st	Naomi Ford [Greater Moncton Music Festival]
Musical Theatre:	1 st	Julie Lavoie [Greater Moncton Music Festival]
	2 nd	Véronique Hébert [Greater Moncton Music Festival]
Canadian Composer	1 ^{er}	Madeleine Gaudette [Sackville Music Festival]

The adjudicators recommended the following competitors to represent NB at the 2017 National Music Festival in Ottawa, ON August 10-12:

Dakota Scott-Digout, Piano
Naomi Ford, Woodwinds
Julie Lavoie, Musical Theatre

Prizes:

First place winners in Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Choral categories received a cash prize. Gold, silver and bronze medals for Junior and Intermediate winners were sponsored by Terrence and Margaret Ann Craig.

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